June 17 and 18 Dr. Sun's gunboat and three others, steamed up and down the river bombarding the City doing serious damage, and causing serious loss o: life. He only desisted when the American Consu. protested against the firing upon an undefended city. His gunboats then withdrew to Whampoa but managed to elude the forts in misty weathei and returned and anchored *off.* Shameen on Jul} 10. Thereupon the foreign naval vessels cleared for action, and announced their intention of re- sisting any further attempts to bombard Canton; which would have imperilled the Foreign Con- cessions. Dr. Sun was bottled up in the river His attempts to raise a revolt among his sym- pathisers in Canton failed. So too did his defiance of the new President in Peking—Li Yuan- hung— and his effort to enlist support from Marshal Tuac and " Little" Hsu, in the North. On July 4 the Canton Provincial Assembly telegraphed to Presi- dent Li announcing the abolition of the Southern Government. On the afternoon of August 9, under arrangements made by the British Consul- General, Dr. Sun left for Hongkong on H.M.S *Moorhen.* Before sailing thence on an Empress vessel, for Shanghai, he telegraphed to thank the British authorities for arranging for his safety. A few days before he left Canton Admiral Wen Shu-teh, Naval Commander-in-Chief at Canton, in a long and scathing letter, repudiated

his authority,

"The reason why the Na^ry has deserted you, is that your boastful words do not accord with realities. I maintain neutrality because I am aware of the senselessness of tortaiing the people by useless fighting and because I cannot bear,